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2021 MIDDLE TENNESSEE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY



National Women's History Month

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. MARY FRANCES BERRY

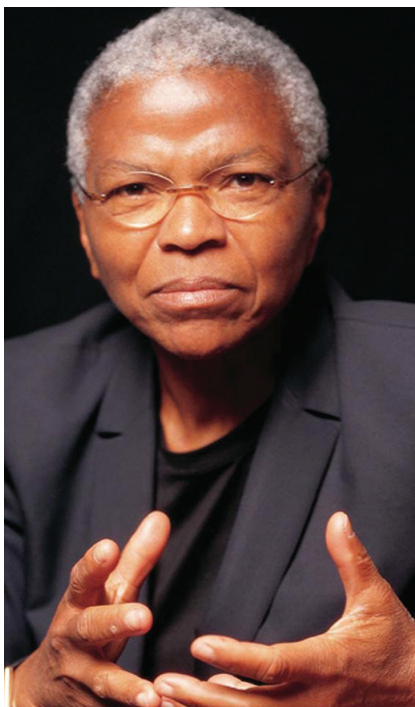
Author, Activist, Educator, and Historian

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

<https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/85112820036>

For more than four decades, Berry has been one of the most visible and respected activists in the cause of civil rights, gender equality, and social justice. As chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Berry led the charge for equal rights and liberties for all Americans over the course of four presidential administrations.



A trailblazer for women and African Americans alike, she became the first woman of any race to head a major research university as chancellor of the University of Colorado. Berry is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought and Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches the history of American law and the history of law and social policy.

National Women's History Month Buttons

IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT 1862–1931

Ida B. Wells-Barnett was a prominent journalist, activist, and researcher who battled sexism, racism, and violence. She shed light on the conditions of African Americans in the South, including to foreign audiences, and was active in the women's rights movement. When yellow fever took her parents, Wells-Barnett worked as a teacher to raise siblings and eventually moved to Memphis. Following a friend's lynching, she investigated several cases but was driven out of town to Chicago following her exposé of a 1892 lynching.



ALICE PAUL 1885–1977

Alice Paul devoted herself single-mindedly throughout her long life to the cause of women's equality. Unlike her predecessors, she believed that overcoming the inertia of those in power required dramatic, even radical action. While working and studying in England as a young woman, Paul became a member of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), Britain's predominant suffrage organization. Paul believed publicity generated by her actions, like her arrest at the lord mayor of London's banquet, only furthered the larger cause.

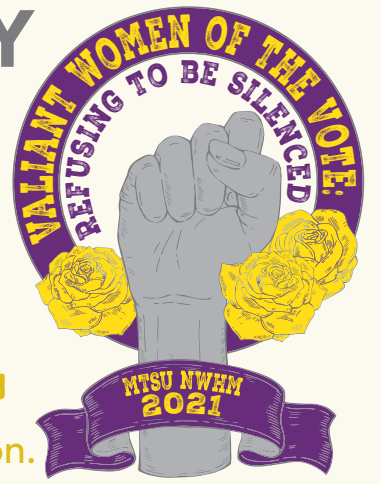


MARY ELIZA CHURCH TERRELL 1863–1954

Mary Eliza Church Terrell was co-founder and the first president of the National Association of Colored Women. She was an early civil rights advocate, educator, author, and lecturer on woman suffrage and rights for African Americans. Her parents were former slaves who became prominent in the growing black community of Memphis. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Oberlin College, was an NAACP charter member, and in 1949 was the first black allowed in the American Association of University Women's Washington, D.C., chapter.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 5

National Women's History Month Opening Ceremony



3 p.m., Livestream: mtsu.edu/events/live

Join us for this year's virtual opening ceremony in celebration of National Women's History Month.

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ALL MONTH

In the Footsteps of Notable Women: Self-Guided Tour of Rutherford County



The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation have collaborated to bring our community together to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage. Please visit our website for a PDF version of their brochure to guide you to some very memorable places around our area.

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MONDAY, MARCH 1-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

"On the Periphery" Art Show

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Murfree Art Gallery, Room 218, Rutherford County Office Building, 319 Maple Street, Murfreesboro



See a collection of original art that brings to light the story of survivors or highlights the true effects of stalking. The student and alumni works were gathered by Power of One for "Stalking Awareness Month" in January, and have been on display in the Todd Glass Gallery on campus. The art emphasizes the empowerment of survivors, trusting one's instincts, and the long-term effects of stalking as a serious crime.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

No Pressure Q&A with College Students



Virtual, 5:30 p.m.

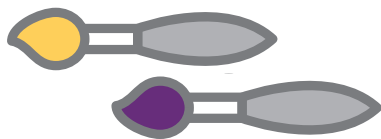
STEM graduate students at MTSU will share their stories with local high school students and undergraduates. The women will talk about why they chose to major in STEM, what it is like being a woman in STEM classes (where they are often in the minority), how to find one's voice, and how to reach out for advice. The speakers also will celebrate women's contributions to STEM, such as the three female scientists who won the 2020 Nobel Prizes in chemistry (2) and in physics. The Q&A event will empower female high school students and undergraduates to explore STEM majors at MTSU and not be afraid to ask questions.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Board and Brush Paint Nite

8 p.m., Zoom



Pick up a Board and Brush paint kit. Then join Pinnacle Honor Society, Student Programming And Raider Entertainment (SPARE), and the June Anderson Center for a night of creativity, painting empowering slogans and logos.

Kit pickup: March 1-3, 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (Room 330 in the Student Union).

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MONDAY, MARCH 8

MTSU Women of Color in Health Care: Women STEM Professionals in the Workforce After Graduation

6:30 p.m., Zoom link: <https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/89586019959>

MTSU graduates and STEM professionals share their stories with the campus and the community. The panelists will answer questions about why they chose careers in health care, how they traveled their career paths, and what they are doing today.

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MONDAY, MARCH 15

Three Steps to Claiming Your Voice: A Framework for Empowerment

5 p.m., Zoom link:

<https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/82400933642?pwd=bHEOWTg2ZnlrWnhMkNUZlZK1ozQT09>



The real power of the women who fought for the right to vote was that they would not be silenced. Yet for all the ways higher education seeks to foster diverse voices, it remains a space where women's authority is regularly challenged and their voices interrupted, ignored, or silenced. In this hands-on, 90-minute workshop geared toward faculty and graduate students, participants will explore aspects of their professional lives when they feel silenced, learn about the costs of not speaking up, and identify concrete strategies for more confidently advocating for themselves.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 16

120,000 Stories: Nobuko Miyamoto and Her Long Song of Relocation, Race, Love, and Revolution

2 p.m., Register here for Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3bcnvAm>

Join us for a conversation between Nobuko Miyamoto (l), a prominent figure in Asian American music and dance, and Deborah Wong (r), who has worked closely with Miyamoto on her memoir and album. We will alternate talking and sharing some of Miyamoto's songs, music videos, and community experiments. Wong will ask Miyamoto questions and will offer prompts into Miyamoto's key ideas, including social justice lessons from Asian America, intercultural coalition-building, and allyship between women from different communities.

Presented by the MTSU Center for Chinese Music and Culture, Center for Popular Music, and Center for Asian Studies

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TUESDAY, MARCH 16

National Women's History Month Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mary Frances Berry

7 p.m., Zoom Link: <https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/85112820036>

Mary Frances Berry, former chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission across four presidential administrations, believes that each generation has the responsibility to make a dent in the wall of injustice. Her clarion call challenges everyone to stand up, stand tall, and never give up the fight.

Co-sponsored by Distinguished Lecture Committee, American Association of University Women-Murfreesboro Branch, and the MTSU President's Commission on the Status of Women

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Frida Kahlo's Pandemic Pastime

Pickup location:

STU 330 (Center for Student Involvement and Leadership)

Pickup time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Based on Frida Kahlo's surrealist drawing game, Exquisite Corpse, this program will promote COVID-19-safe connections, creativity, and exploration of themes surrounding women's wellness. On March 17, students can pick up an educational art kit that contains information on local resources to support survivors of gender-based violence and the supplies to illustrate an aspect of women's health (e.g., psychological, physical, environmental). Then they can safely pass their artwork along to two other people to complete! The result will be a stunning depiction of diverse viewpoints that can be uploaded to social media and shared during the remainder of Women's History Month by tagging @mtpowerofone and @mtsu.jac

Kit pickup: March 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (Room 330 in Student Union)

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Dancing for Suffrage: Lecture-Demonstration

Zoom/Murphy Center G040B, 6 p.m.

(will Zoom from Murphy Center with limited seating, observing social distancing and campus guidelines with option to join via Zoom)

Experience Florence Fleming Noyes' "Dance of Freedom," as reconstructed from archival film and newspaper records by MTSU dance professor Meg Brooker, who is a certified Noyes Rhythm teacher and legacy Isadora Duncan dancer. The dance—performed for women's suffrage leader Anna Howard Shaw's birthday in 1914—depicts a journey from physical restraint to freedom of movement. This lecture-demonstration will explore the role of dance in the women's suffrage movement, using archival film of Noyes, as well as video of MTSU Dance Theatre students performing contemporary choreography that they created in conversation with the historic choreography.

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Register here for Zoom link: <https://forms.gle/H7EjwGHRU8G1cjp7>



THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Gender Equality and Economic Freedom

4:30 p.m.,

Zoom Link: https://mtsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TNLC-ZUFR5mj-r1A4gOK6Q

The event will feature a lecture by University of Tennessee-Chattanooga economics professor Claudia Williamson on her recently published article in the prestigious journal *World Development*, "Does Individualism Promote Gender Equality?" (coauthored with Lewis Davis).

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TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Meet Me in the Middle

1-3 p.m., Student Union Commons

The Division of Student Affairs hosts events called "Meet Me in the Middle" for students to meet up and talk about a topic each week. Come and spend some time on the Student Union Commons talking to other students about women-centered topics.

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